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**Mayor Sheila Dixon Accepts Resignation of Police Commissioner
Leonard Hamm**

Fred Bealefeld to serve as Acting Commissioner

Baltimore, MD (July 19, 2007) – Baltimore Mayor Sheila Dixon has requested and received the resignation of Baltimore City Police Commissioner Leonard Hamm.

“The job of Police Commissioner requires twenty-four hour a day, seven day a week attention, and it takes priority over family, friends and everything else,” said Dixon. “Commissioner Hamm has willingly made those sacrifices for the past two and a half years, and he is ready to do other things.”

“From his days on patrol as City Police Officer to his leadership of the School System Police and the last two years as the leader of the Police Department, Commissioner Hamm has dedicated his entire career to this city and its citizens,” said the Mayor.

Hamm’s resignation is effective immediately and Mayor Dixon has ordered a Nation-wide search for a new commissioner. Deputy Commissioner Fred Bealefeld will serve as acting commissioner until a new commissioner is hired.

Acting Commissioner Bealefeld has served as Deputy Commissioner since February. He is a former area chief, commander of the Southern District, chief of detectives, commander of the citywide narcotics section, and a supervisor of the homicide division.

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